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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Bill Jones, INR/State, called for some assistance in handling a constituent request referred to State by Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.). We forwarded to Jones the standard package used by Mr. Thuermer answering requests for CIA material for use by college debate teams.

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[REDACTED] called to alert us that the House Ways and Means Committee had ordered reported a bill to repeal section 912 of the Internal Revenue Code exempting Government foreign area allowances from income taxation. This was done in conjunction with a repeal of section 911 excluding certain earned income abroad from taxation. [REDACTED] OGC, and

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[REDACTED] OP, were alerted. This measure already faces some serious opposition in the Senate in connection with the oil depletion allowance provisions.

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[REDACTED] Called Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and expressed our appreciation for his efforts in securing exemption for the Agency from most of the provisions of S. 3418, the Senate right of privacy bill. I pointed out that in the version appearing in the Congressional Record of November 22nd, the exemption for intelligence sources and methods was erroneously worded "designed" rather than "designated" for protection from unauthorized disclosure pursuant to 50 U.S.C.A. 403." Davidson said that this was a clerical error and would be corrected.

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[REDACTED] After discussing with [REDACTED] OP, I returned a call from Gale Farrell, office of Representative Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), concerning a constituent who operates an employment placement company and who inquired as to seeking a contract with the Agency. I explained that the Agency has no contracts with any employment placement organization which charges fees since this is against the law; if, however, the constituent operates a charitable or similar nonprofit company assisting minority and EEO applicants, we would be pleased to have someone talk to them. She said she would check and call me back.

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5. [REDACTED] Called the office of Charles F. Simms, OMB /OGC, in response to their memorandum to the Agency requesting comments on a proposed Executive Order, "Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees." The proposed Order is pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and extends the existance of advisory committees created by the President. I explained that we would have no comment since we are expressly exempt from the provisions of the Act. No written reply is necessary.

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6. [REDACTED] Called Rebecca Switzer, office of Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.), in response to her earlier call requesting a rough estimate of the Agency's yearly budget. I explained that this figure was not for publication. She seemed totally unfamiliar with the Agency's appropriation process in the Congress, and it appeared her request was more personal than official.

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7. [REDACTED] Called Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, and inquired as to whether he had any information concerning the case of the Agency employee referred to by Representative Bob Eckhardt (D., Tex.) in his floor statement last week supporting Representative Bella S. Abzug's (D., N. Y.) amendment to strike the Agency's exemption from H. R. 16373, the right of privacy bill. Kronfeld said the staff had no information on the case. He suggested that we check directly with Representative Eckhardt's office.

We discussed the Senate vote Friday passing H. R. 16373, but substituting the text of the Senate bill, S. 3418. Kronfeld felt that the two bills were so different that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to reconcile the differences in conference. He doubted that there would be a privacy bill this Congress. He said the House might very well pass S. 3418 and substitute the text of its bill, and would hope to go to conference with the Senate-numbered bill rather than the House-numbered bill. In conference he would hope that the conferees would accept most of the House bill. He reaffirmed that the conferees will support an Agency exemption as provided in the House bill. A decision should be made this week, and he will let me know.

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